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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: NORTHROP RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA

REF: (A) CAIRO 5534; (B) JIDDA 3940

1. FOR CAIRO: WE AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD NOT ASK TO MEET
WITH SULTAN ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. FOR JIDDA: BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO
MEET WITH SULTAN AND FAHD, IN YOUR DISCRETION, TO ATTEMPT
TO SOOTH SAUDI IRRITATION AND TO CONTAIN DAMAGE TO OUR
RELATIONS. YOU MAY EMPHASIZE THAT DISCLOSURES ARE NOT THE
FAULT OF NORTHROP OR USG AND ARE NOT AIMED AT SAG BUT
ARE THE RESULT OF U.S. LAW AND LEGAL PROCEDURES. WE WOULD
ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR VIEW ON WHETHER TRANSMITTAL OF FISH
LETTER OF MAY 23 WILL ELICIT SHARP SAUDI REACTION, AND IF
SO, HOW MATTER CAN BE BEST MANAGED TO MINIMIZE ANY SAUDI
FEELING THAT IT IS BEING PRESSURED OR EMBARRASSED BY USG.
WE AGREE YOU SHOULD NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN NORTHROP'S
NEGOTATIONS WITH SULTAN RELATING TO THE STATUS OF
SECRET

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NORTHROP'S AGREEMENT WITH TRIAD. THEREFORE, BELIEVE YOU
SHOULD NOT ADVISE BARGER ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE LETTER HE
PROPOSES SULTAN TO SEND TO ELLSWORTH.

3. WE SEE NO POSSIBILITY OF AFFECTING TIMETABLE OF CHURCH
COMMITTEE ON EARINGS OR PUBLICATION OF ANY REPORT THAT IT

MAY CHOOSE TO MAKE. YOU CAN POINT OUT THAT THROUGH EFFORTS
OF NORTHROP AND OF FRIENDLY SENATORS WITH WHOM WE HAD
BEEN IN TOUCH, COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED NOT TO PRESS FOR
PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF NAMES OF SAUDI GENERALS WHO HAVE
BEEN IMPLICATED BY KHASROGGI. HOWEVER NUMBER OF DETAILS
HAVE ALREADY APPEARED IN PRESS ARTICLE WHICH BEING
REPEATED SEPTEL. KISSINGER

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